

CDC Factsheet: Field Epidemiology Training Program in Guinea



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Field Epidemiology Training Program - FETP

- In 1980, CDC established the first Field Epidemiology Training Program (FETP) to train field epidemiologists in developing countries.
- FETPs are modeled on CDC's successful Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) program, but are owned by individual countries and Ministries of Health. Each FETP is tailored to meet the needs of its country.
- FETP is present in over 70 countries worldwide and has trained over 10,000 graduates.
- CDC through the African Field Epidemiology Network (AFENET) and Research Triangle Institute International (RTI) and in close collaboration with the MoH is implementing FETP.
- FETP uses a three-level pyramid training model: Frontline, Intermediate, and Advanced. The levels of training vary in intensity and duration from 3 months, 9 months and 2 years respectively.

FETP – Frontline Training

- The Frontline training program introduces participants to detection and notification of diseases, basic data collection, management and analysis, principles of response to outbreaks, and evaluation and use of data for decision-making.
- FETP aims to strengthen national capacity in detecting diseases and responding to outbreaks.
- The FETP- Frontline program was officially launched in Guinea in December 2016 with the training of seven mentors from the MoH national level and from 4 out of the 8 regions of Guinea.
- The first Frontline cohort of 25 participants graduated in May 2017.

Moving Forward – FETP in Guinea

- CDC's goal is to complete 3 cohorts of Frontline and one cohort of Intermediate FETP by the end of 2018.

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Pictures: CDC-Guinea Country Director, Dr. Lise Martel, and the FETP Resident Advisor Dr. Salomon Corvil with MoH representatives and FETP Frontline Mentor, First cohort of FETP Frontline participants and CDC FETP Resident Advisor at the inaugural workshop in Kindia